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SUBJECT: Office of Science Annual NEPA Planning Summary for 2003

The DOE Order 45 1.1 B requires each Program Secretarial Officer and Head of Field Organization to submit to your office by January 3 1 an Annual National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Planning Summary. This memorandum constitutes the Office of Science (SC) submittal for 2003.

NEPA Documentation: My NEPA Compliance Officer (NCO) has coordinated the contents of this submittal with the SC Program Offices and with the NCOs of the four Operations Offices that administer SC-sponsored research at SC's laboratories. We have agreed that this Summary will provide the reporting for SC Headquarters (HQ), as well as for the two Site Offices that report to SC, Berkeley and Stanford. The Chicago, Richland and Oak Ridge Operations Offices will provide the reporting for the Environmental Assessments (EA) and the Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) related to SC activities and proposals that are under their purview.

There are no EAs envisioned at this time that would be prepared under the purview of SC HQ during the next 12 months, and there are no EISs envisioned during the next 24 months. The Berkeley Site Office (BSO) is currently preparing Draft DOE/EA- 144 1, "Construction and Operation of the Molecular Foundry." No other NEPA document is expected to be prepared by BSO during the reporting period of this Summary. The Stanford Site Office (SSO) is currently preparing Draft DOE/EA-1426, "Proposed Linac Coherent Light Source Experimental Facility at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center." No other NEPA document is expected to be prepared by SSO during the reporting period of this Summary.

Status of Ongoing NEPA Compliance Activities: The Office of Science HQ NCO coordinates the NEPA compliance program for SC's HQ Program Offices. The NCO also assists the Operations and Site Offices that administer SC-sponsored research at the National Laboratories. This program and its initiatives are contained in the Office of Laboratory Operations and ES&H portion of the Office of Science website, located at:

<http://www.sc.doe.gov/sc-80/sc-83/nepacomp.shtml>



Two recent NEPA compliance initiatives that the SC NCO conducted include the completion of an SC EIS Quality Assurance Plan and completion of new SC NEPA guidance for early project planning. Both of these guidance documents can be found on the above web site. The Office of Science NCO also coordinates regular monthly conference calls among the four Operations Office NCOs.

If there are questions on this NEPA Planning Summary, please direct them to Clarence Hickey, the SC NEPA Compliance Officer, at (301) 903-2314.

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